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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Tom McMurray and Jay Bryant of
Representative Robert H. Michel's (R., Ill.) Staff
Re Legislation to Protect CIA Employees and Agents

1. On Wednesday, 31 December, at 11:00 a.m., OGC, and myself met with Tom McMurray, Legislative Director, and Jay Bryant, Special Assistant, on the staff of Representative Robert Michel, House Minority Whip. We gave them the attached draft language as an example of something which might be introduced to protect intelligence employees under cover and agents from being exposed.

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2. Representative Michel was very upset over Richard Welch's assassination. He is intending to introduce legislation to protect intelligence personnel in the future. He is also aware of the more general problem of protecting intelligence sources and methods. McMurray and Bryant said, "We are ready to help you to the extent that you will let us help."

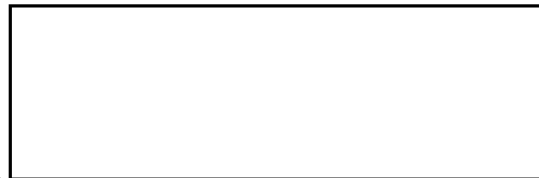
3. McMurray and Bryant discussed at length the strategy for introducing our draft proposal. They tentatively decided that when Congress reconvenes, Representative Michel will introduce a bill along the lines of the attached draft which is intended to protect against the identification of intelligence personnel. At the same time, in an accompanying statement, he will raise the issue of protecting intelligence sources and methods in general. The initial priority of subsequent efforts would be passage of the "protection of personnel" legislation. As these efforts unfolded, however, McMurray and Bryant felt that the issue of protecting intelligence sources and methods should become more salient. They discussed the possibility of a press conference and beginning an

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educative campaign on Capitol Hill concerning the need for protection of intelligence sources and methods. They discussed possible development of a "PR effort" to develop an environment for introduction of our sources and methods package. McMurray said that Representative Michel would not necessarily wait for OMB's clearances before introducing our sources and methods legislation. They felt that there was a fair chance of getting narrow legislation protecting personnel under cover passed this Congress, but there was little chance of positive action on general sources and methods legislation. Nevertheless, they thought it would be good to have it introduced this Congress so that if an intelligence project is blown in the future, there will be a ready-made legislative remedy pending before the Congress.

4. McMurray and Bryant wanted the initial stages of Representative Michel's efforts to be a congressional initiative dissociated from the Agency. As things develop, however, they hoped that the the Agency would be able to provide some supporting material on behalf of the Congressman's efforts.



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